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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SHINJI KOBAYASHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: LAURA ESTELLE EDWARDS  
SERIAL NO: 10/615,800 :  
FILED: JULY 10, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1734  
FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR :  
DRYING UNDER REDUCED PRESSURE,  
AND COATING FILM FORMING  
APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.